



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### ENDOMETRIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: Endometriosis is a disorder in which endometrial tissue releases within the abdominal cavity, often causing significant damage to the reproductive system. Though it is rare, the tissue may also attach to and damage other vital organs; and
- WHEREAS: Endometriosis is one of the most common diseases among females, affecting approximately 200 million women worldwide. As such, endometriosis is a health crisis that requires increased public awareness and further research to improve the overall quality of life of those affected by the disorder; and
- WHEREAS: The average diagnosis of endometriosis is at least seven years due to a lack of awareness and understanding of the disorder; and
- WHEREAS: It is imperative that we increase awareness and education of endometriosis so that diagnosis and treatment can begin at the earliest stage possible, minimizing the devastating effects endometriosis can have on those living with this disorder; and
- WHEREAS: The economic impact of patients with endometriosis amounts to almost \$119 billion annually and may lead to financial hardships for those living with the disease and their loved ones; and
- WHEREAS: Endometriosis Awareness Month provides an opportunity to increase awareness of endometriosis in order to improve diagnostic testing, advance treatment options, and minimize the effects of the disorder; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2018 as ENDOMETRIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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